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Lancaster Man Convicted of Domestic Violence Shooting

Following a day of deliberations, jurors today convicted a Lancaster man of shooting his wife during a Christmas Day argument in 2014, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Catherine Mariano said jurors found Thomas Richard Silas (dob 12/1/50) guilty of attempted voluntary manslaughter and mayhem.

Silas faces a maximum sentence of 25 years to life in state prison when he returns for sentencing on May 11 in Department A1 of Los Angeles County Superior Court, Antelope Valley Branch.

Jurors found true allegations of gun use and great bodily injury under circumstances involving domestic violence.

Soon after midnight on Dec. 25, 2014, the defendant shot his wife three times during an argument about finances, the prosecutor said. The victim survived the attack.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Lancaster Station.

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